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Proposals Humbly offered to the Honourable House of Commons, for Enlarging and Protecting the Trade to Africa.

THAT a Regulated Company be Established, by the Name of the Adventurers to *Africa*, after the Manner of the Present *Turkey Company*, with Power every Year to Chuse from among themselves a Governour, Deputy-Governour, and Court of Assistants, consisting of as many as shall be thought fit, with a Treasurer, &c.

That any Person Living in *Great Britain*, or the Plantations, may at all times become a Member and Freeman of the said Company, paying for his Freedom or Admission Five Pounds Sterling, or more, or less, as shall be thought fit.

That every Freeman of the said Company shall have Liberty to Trade to any Part of *Africa*, when, and how, and for as much as he pleaseth, paying to the Treasurer of the said Company Five Pounds *per Cent.* on all Goods or Merchandise he shall Export for *Africa*, which shall be Esteem'd or Term'd a single Duty.

That the Money paid by every Member of the said Company for his Admission or Freedom, and the Five Pounds *per Cent.* paid by all on the Goods they Export, shall be the Joint Cash or Stock of the said Company.

That the said Joint Cash or Stock of the said Company should be employ'd or disposed by the Court of Assistants for the Supplying, Maintaining and Defending Forts and Castles, (if they must still be maintain'd after the Experience of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Years, that they are of no Use, Advantage, or Security, but a great Charge to the Trade,) and defraying all other Publick Charges that shall be found necessary for the enlarging and better carrying on that Trade.

That there should be Collected and Paid from Time to Time, on all Goods Exported to *Africa*, single Duty of Five Pound *per Cent.* or double Duty, more, or according as the Occasions of the Company shall require.

Hereby the Mischiefs, as well as the Wrongs of a Monopoly, will be prevented, in which there can be but one Buyer, and one Seller, and on the contrary, every one will have Freedom to Trade as he sees fit.

The Trade will be Enlarged and Extended to many Places now unfrequented, or very little traded to, and abundance more of our Woollen and other Manufactures will be Exported, which the Makers will Sell at better Prizes when there are so many Buyers; and much more Gold and Elephants Teeth, and other the Product of *Africa*, would be brought Home; and particularly, the Dying Wood would be Sold at a moderate Rate.

An Exclusive Joint Stock confines the Trade to *London* only, but Settled in a Regulated Company, all her Majesties Subjects in the most distant Ports of *Great Britain*, and also those Inhabiting the Colonies and Plantations, will have an equal Liberty of Trade, and thereby Navigation be very much increased.

Negroes would be carried in greater Numbers to our Plantations in *America*, and Sold cheaper there, whereby we should Produce and Import more of our *West-Indies* Commodities, and be able to Underseil the *Dutch* and *French*, whose Plantations must consequently Decrease as ours Advance.

The Revenue of the Crown would be hereby very much increased, and more of our Manufactures, with which the Negroes are Cloathed, and Utensils for the Plantations will be that Way expended.

Hereby all necessary Forts and Castles will be effectually provided for, and defended in a much better Method than ever hitherto, and rendred universally and equally serviceable to the Trade in General, and to every Adventurer in Particular.

And the only Objection, (if it be thought of any Weight,) which the present Company make of the Necessity of maintaining Forts and Castles, will be fully obviated.

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